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### EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION



### SEPT. 11 MEMORIAL

## Sadness, hope on rainy morning

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As rain raged outside Agawam Fire Headquarters on Sunday, speakers at the 15th anniversary 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony had a different kind of storm in mind.

"It seems that the people of our great nation are more divided than ever, and that many have forgotten the values that make our nation great," said Fire Chief Alan Sirois, harkening back to the charity and solidarity that brought Americans together in the aftermath of the deadliest terrorist attack in history, 15 years ago. "The 24-hour news cycle, dominated by controversy, leaders that fan the flames of distrust and anger, they all rob us of our ability to see what matters most and what makes us great as a nation. All of these 'problems' distract us from the values that truly matter: freedom, tolerance, liberty, justice, self-reliance, honesty."

Nearly 3,000 Americans perished on Sept. 11, 2001, when al-Qaeda hijacked four airliners,

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## Agawam residents have long history with 100-year exposition

Every year for the past 100 years, hundreds of fairgoers from Agawam have driven — or walked — across the bridge to the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

It's a familiar tradition for Agawam, and not just because

of all the locals you see in the crowd. Since the very start, Agawam residents have played a big role behind the scenes at the 17-day event.

As organizers prepare for opening day Friday, Sept. 16, we're taking a special look at

three longtime Agawam institutions at the fair — one individual, one family and one service club. These are just a few of the familiar faces you'll see at this year's Big E, and just a small slice of the town's connection to the fair over the past 10 decades, but they

represent how much the West Springfield exposition is intertwined with its nearest neighboring town.

The stories, by Agawam Advertiser News correspondent Mike Lydick, begin on page 10.

### PRIMARY ELECTION

## Voters set rematch for Sandlin, Boldyga in Nov.

By Michael J. Ballway  
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Rosemary Sandlin, running as a write-in candidate, actually received more votes than incumbent state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga last Thursday.

They weren't running against each other, however — that comes later. On Sept. 8, each was running in a separate primary election. Boldyga won 381 votes out of a total 441 cast in a largely uncontested Republican primary; Sandlin got 500 write-ins on a ballot where competitive races for sheriff and Governor's Council drove Democratic turnout to 2,202. She easily met the 150 votes she needed to win the nomination, with no other Democrat running in the race.

Agawam Democrats, like their counterparts elsewhere in Western Massachusetts, backed Nick Cocchi of Ludlow as their candidate for Hampden County sher-

iff. Cocchi received 1,065 votes in Agawam, winning all eight precincts by comfortable margins over the nearest runner-up, Thomas Ashe of Springfield, who polled 753. Former Springfield mayor and current Governor's Councilor Michael Albano finished a distant third with 304 votes locally. A fourth candidate on the ballot, Jack Griffin, received 53 votes despite having pulled out of the race.

In the countywide vote, according to the Associated Press, the candidates finished in the same order, though proportionally Ashe did better in Agawam than the county as a whole. Cocchi got a total of 18,244 votes, Ashe 11,512, Albano 5,812 and Griffin 996, for a percentage split among the four candidates of 50-31-16-3, compared with the split in Agawam alone of 48-35-14-2.

Cocchi will face the Repub-

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### 107TH BIRTHDAY

## Mahoney celebrates a milestone

*Quail Run resident cites healthy diet, exercise for longevity*

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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When Ada Mahoney wakes up each morning, she still goes through a routine of doing exercises.

She also turned 107 last week.

On Sept. 7, the resident of Quail Run took center stage as the retirement and assisted living facility celebrated the birthday of their oldest resident, and Mahoney was ready to get up and dance around with her friends, and Mayor Richard Cohen.

"I used to dance all the time when I was younger," she said. "I even have a trophy from a state competition."

Cohen came by Quail Run last Wednesday to present Mahoney with yet another citation commemorating her birthday once again.



Mayor Richard Cohen visits with Quail Run resident Ada Mahoney. He presented her with a citation celebrating her 107th birthday. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

"I have interacted with her many times before," said Cohen. "She would make phone calls during some of my campaigns in the past. But I also would come

to events and I would dance with her. She's such a nice lady."

Mahoney obviously does not

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# Sign up next week for adult HS classes

Registration for the fall semester of the Agawam Adult Education Program will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 20-21, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Agawam High School Career Center, connected to the AHS counseling offices.

Late registration will be accepted, by appointment only, up until the nights of the first week of classes on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 27-28, from 5 to 6 p.m. Late registration costs an additional \$10 per class. Students registering during the first week must attend the first night of class.

Classes begin Tuesday, Sept. 27, and Wednesday, Sept. 28, ending about Dec. 7. Classes begin at 5 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. All Agawam Adult Education classes are held at Agawam High School, 760 Cooper St., Agawam.

The full tuition charge of \$125 per course must be paid at the time of registration. Cash or certified checks (bank checks, money orders) should be made payable to Agawam Adult Education. No personal checks will be accepted. No refunds will be given after the second class meeting. Tuition will be refunded if there are an insufficient number of students registered for a course. The administration reserves the right to cancel courses

for lack of enrollment or change the day a course may be offered.

Those persons interested in working toward an Agawam Evening High School diploma or certificate of attainment must call ahead of time to schedule an appointment with Shawn Taturo to enroll. These students must bring with them a transcript of all classes taken since grade 9, any MCAS test scores, and a letter of withdrawal from the previously attended school. The SASID number must also be provided in the letter.

The following courses will be offered this semester:

**Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m.:** English 9, English 10, English 11, English 12, physical science, business and computers.

**Wednesdays, 5-8 p.m.:** algebra I, algebra II, geometry, U.S. history, world history.

If Agawam schools are closed because of inclement weather, evening school is also cancelled. Local radio stations will also announce any cancellations. Makeup days for inclement weather will be scheduled during the term. There are no classes Tuesday, Nov. 8, Election Day, and Wednesday, Nov. 23, Thanksgiving eve.

For more information, contact Shawn Taturo, director, at 413-726-1676, 413-821-0527, or visit [www.agawampublicschools.org](http://www.agawampublicschools.org).

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# Pub crawl benefits St. Pat's Committee

The first Agawam St. Patrick's Committee "Half-way to St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl" will take place Saturday, Sept. 17.

Tickets are \$35 per person. Stops will be made at the American Legion, Murphy's Pub, Kaptain Jimmy's, the Still, the Scoreboard and the Buccaneer, all in Agawam. It will begin at 2:30 p.m. and will include live music, an ASPC Pub Crawl T-shirt, food, and surprise gifts from participating bars.

All proceeds will support the 2017 Agawam St. Patrick's Day Colleen float. For tickets, contact Laurie O'Connell at 413-519-1071 or [Laurie822@comcast.net](mailto:Laurie822@comcast.net); Nicole Bertera at 413-537-4022, Kaitlyn O'Connell at 413-262-5772, Doug Reed at 413-478-3154 or Laurie Wright at 413-237-2205.



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# ASSISTANT SWIM COACH

The Town of Agawam is accepting applications for the position of an assistant swim coach. Applicants must be available to work evenings and weekends and be 18 years old or older and have previous competitive swimming experience. The starting salary is \$10 per hour.

Applications will be accepted through September 21, 2016 and are available in the Personnel Office, 36 Main St., Agawam, Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm.

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# Red Cross needs donors to maintain a diverse supply

During National Sickle Cell Awareness Month, the American Red Cross urges eligible donors to give blood.

A diverse blood supply is important to ensure the needs of all patients are met. Red blood cells carry markers that determine one's blood type, and some blood types are unique to certain racial and ethnic groups. Because blood from donors of the same ethnic background as the recipient is less likely to cause complications, the Red Cross must maintain a diverse blood supply to meet these diverse patient needs.

Whether blood is needed for a chronic condition such as sickle cell disease, a surgical procedure or a large-scale emergency, it's the blood already on the shelves that helps save lives. Donors of all blood types are needed.

Upcoming blood drives in Agawam and surrounding towns include:

**Friday, Sept. 23:** noon to 5 p.m., Agawam Fire Department, 800 Main St., Agawam.

**Saturday, Sept. 24:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Six Flags New England Human Resources Center, 1756 Main St., Agawam.

**Tuesday, Sept. 27:** 1-6 p.m., OMG, 153 Bowles Road, Agawam.

**Wednesday, Sept. 28:** Noon to 5:30 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 60 Broad St., Westfield.

**Friday, Sept. 30:** Noon to - 5 p.m., Mittineague Congregational Church, 1840 Westfield St., West Springfield.

To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 800-733-2767. Donors are encouraged to make appointments and complete the RapidPass online health history questionnaire at [redcrossblood.org/rapidpass](http://redcrossblood.org/rapidpass) to help reduce wait times.

Those who come out to give blood or platelets Sept. 1-30 will receive a free haircut coupon via email, courtesy of Sport Clips Haircuts. The coupon is valid through Nov. 6 at participating Sport Clips locations. Donors must have a valid email address on record to receive the coupon.

# You Asked?

## Track will be open for public use

Can anyone tell me if residents are allowed to walk the track at the high school? Not sure if there is an opening in the fence.

— K.M., on "Agawam, MA Open Forum" at Facebook.com

Don't try it now, as Harmon Smith Field remains an active construction site, but plans do call for the track to be open to public use whenever feasible, according to the mayor.

"It won't be open to the public during school hours or school events, obviously, because of safety concerns," Mayor Richard Cohen said this week, but "it's our goal not to lock anybody out."

He said town officials will work with Agawam High School Athletic Director Dave Stratton to develop the rules and schedule for public access. Although the track will have lights for nighttime sporting events, Cohen said he expects public use would likely end each day at sunset, when other town parks close.

The running track isn't the only portion of the athletic complex that will be open to the community, Cohen added. Adjacent to Harmon Smith Field along Mill Street are outdoor basketball and tennis courts, which will also be available



The rubber-surfaced running track at Agawam High School was still under construction earlier this week. Turley Publications photo by Michael J. Ballway

when not being used by physical education classes or school sports. Cohen said those courts may also be lit for evening public use.

Jennifer Bonfiglio, the town's procurement officer, said although the project is funded by the Community Preservation Act, there is no statutory requirement that the facilities be open to the public, but she believes public access was always "an expectation of the [town] CPA Committee" and the mayor.

Bonfiglio said last week that the sports facilities project — which also includes baseball, softball and

practice fields, concession and storage buildings at the football stadium, and the renovation of locker rooms inside the high school — is on track for a Sept. 30 completion date.

Written by Michael J. Ballway. "You Asked?" is an occasional series of short articles answering questions of local interest from Agawam Advertiser News readers and social media. See something around town you'd like to know more about? Email your question to [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com).

# EB's meals to benefit boys soccer

"Give Back Monday" will take place Sept. 26 at EB's Restaurant, 385 Walnut Street Ext., Agawam, with proceeds to benefit the Agawam High School boys soccer teams. Ten percent of that day's

total sales, open to close, dine-in, take-out and delivery, will be donated to the freshman, junior varsity and varsity high school boys soccer teams to help with expenses.

# Girls invited to learn more about Scouting

The Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts will hold an Information and Registration Night from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, at Agawam Congregational Church,

745 Main St. Parents and girls in kindergarten through grade 12 are invited. The membership fee for Girl Scouts is \$25. Financial aid is available. Information is also available

for those interested in becoming a Girl Scout volunteer.

For more information, contact Beth Ostrosky at [bostrosky@gscwm.org](mailto:bostrosky@gscwm.org) or 413-224-4027.



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# Opinion

## OUR VIEW

# Big E mostly a fair deal for neighbor town

Of the many things tying Agawam and West Springfield together, few are this tasty, this thrilling and this much fun.

Though our neighbor to the north has the honor — and most of the headaches — of hosting the Eastern States Exposition, no other place, not even the city of Springfield, is as deeply intertwined with the Big E and its fairgrounds as Agawam.

Even accounting for a little hometown bias on the part of the author, it's amazing how often Agawam's name comes up in David Cecchi's new pictorial history of the Big E — considering that it's the state fair for all six New England states, and considering how close it is to much larger population centers like Springfield, Holyoke, Westfield, Northampton and Hartford.

Volunteering at the fair is an annual tradition for so many Agawam residents, and attending — whether on opening day or Agawam Day or any other day — is one of the highlights of the year for so many others. The Agawam Day parade is certainly one of those highlights. Last year's showing put Holyoke's, a week earlier, to shame. And that's a city that borders on West Springfield, just like Agawam, and certainly a city that knows a thing or two about putting on a parade.

The Big E provides a headquarters and a major fundraiser for the Agawam Lions Club, including the Lions' campaign this year for playground improvements at Perry Lane Park. Its economic spinoff includes the profits from dozens of parking lots and driveway parking spaces in Agawam — money in homeowners' pockets and, in some cases, support for local schools.

There are times the fair comes too close for comfort. Last year on Connecticut Day, for example, traffic from the south jammed both Suffield and Main streets from the bridge almost to the state line. Afternoon school buses required a police escort. Even on a "normal" day, local streets in Agawam bear the brunt of hundreds of extra vehicles bound for the fair, many of them out-of-towners taking a backroads shortcut. It's like having a second Six Flags for three weekends a year.

But like Six Flags, the Big E puts Agawam on the map and gives us all, from teenagers to 90-year-olds, something fun to do without having to drive into Springfield, Hartford or Boston. Surely 17 days of agriculture, music, food, rides, shopping and excitement just over the bridge are worth a little backup on Friday night.

Plus, there's always one guaranteed way not to get stuck in Big E traffic around Agawam: Drive up to Memorial Avenue early and stay at the fair all day. See you there!

*What do you think? Email your letter to the editor to [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com).*

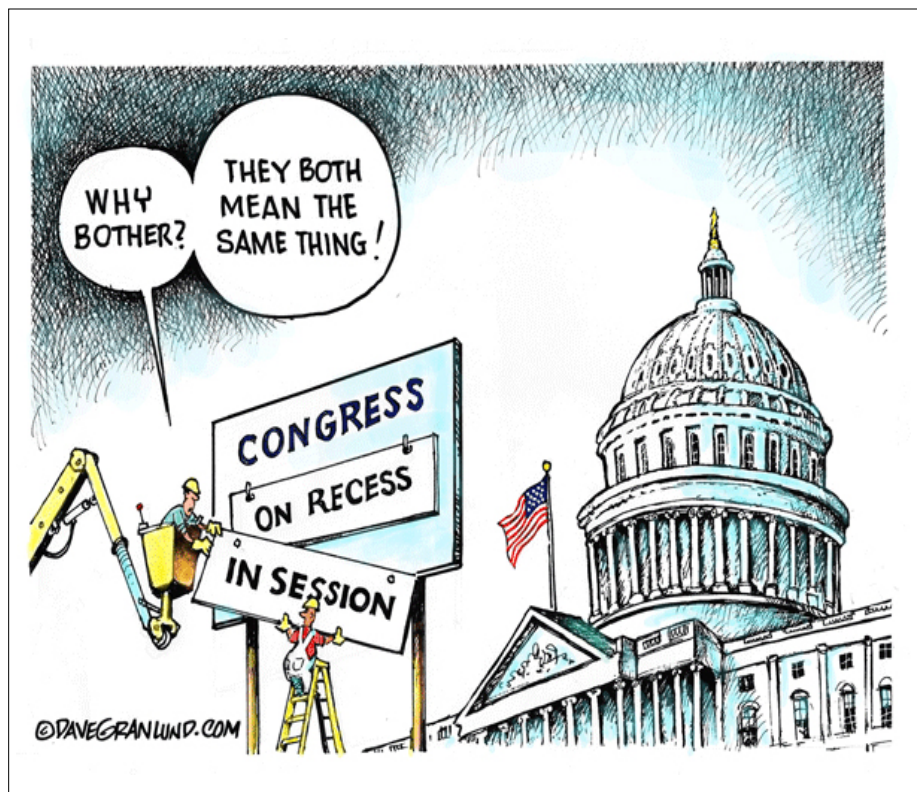
## Election letters to the editor welcome

The Agawam Advertiser News welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the November ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to Agawam Advertiser News, care of Turley Publications, 380 Union St., W. Springfield, MA 01089, faxed to 413-786-8457 or emailed to [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com). Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last week before the election (edition of Nov. 3). For more information, call Michael J. Ballway or Teri Machia at 413-786-7747.

### Candidate profiles

As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about the local sheriff, state senate and state representative races, and questionnaire responses from the candidates, during the months of September and October. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed.

Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs and events may contact John Baskin, 413-786-7747 or [jbaskin@turley.com](mailto:jbaskin@turley.com), about paid advertising in the Agawam Advertiser News.



## JAY SPEAKS

## Practicing the Golden Rule

We were poring through pictures from our year with a foreign student recently, and selected ones for our scrapbook and others to further my story of that year.

When we completed our selections, we sat around with our children and grandchildren recalling each person's favorite highlight of that year. When it came to hear our daughter Cynthia's favorite, she reminded us that her experience carried over for a few more years.

Our exchange student, Michael, was from Sweden. During that year he attended Classical High School with our son Joseph. Also attending Classical was a young woman named Bea, from Switzerland. As Michael chatted with her, he found that she was unhappy with the family she had been assigned to. By and large, she was used as a babysitter. Rather than including her in trips to museums, art galleries, plays and musical events, her host family had her stay at home with the younger children.

Michael asked if we could include her in our trips and events. We checked with the professional supervisor of the exchange students and she readily agreed, apparently knowing of Bea's dilemma.

We made trips to Boston and Philadelphia with the two students, taking in all the historical and cultural areas; and then later on during the year, we made a several day trips to Washington, D.C. Michael and Bea were attentive, well-behaved and cheerful. It was a pleasure to be with them, as well as with our own children.

Michael and Bea became good friends and Cynthia became their "big sister." She went off to Dartmouth College and for her junior year abroad, Cynthia selected France, and she elected to live with a French family to get the greatest exposure to the culture and language.

A few months into the school year she had a couple of weeks off. She purchased a Eurail pass and visited throughout Europe. She saw the cave drawings in southern France, Paris, Belgium, the Netherlands, and then took the high-speed rail to Switzerland, finally arriving in Geneva.

Cynthia looked in her address book for Bea's address.

The house was on Lake Geneva and appeared to be magnificent. She walked

up to the door, rang the bell and finally a fully uniformed man answered the door and asked what her business was. She

was wearing jeans and sporting a backpack ... did she belong here? Cynthia explained in French that she was here to see Bea and that Bea was expecting her. He answered that "Miss Beatrice is away, I will call her father."

Almost immediately, a distinguished gentlemen came to the door and invited her in.

"Come in and welcome, Cynthia. Bea told us how wonderful your family was in making her stay in the States so great. You will be our guest now for a few days."

Those few days were wonderful. Bea returned and they filled their time with shopping, visiting historic places, eating at nice restaurants and generally having a good time. Then it was time to get back to France. Cynthia thanked her hosts and Bea took her to the train. As they approached the train station, Cynthia asked Bea if her parents were in the banking industry, because Geneva is well known for its banks.

"Oh no," said Bea. "My dad in the owner of Rolex watches."

One might think that was our final contact with Bea, but read on. Kitty and I visited with Michael in Sweden. We had a superb time in Stockholm, inasmuch as Michael had really become a big part of the establishment. We visited Queen Sylvia, who was a good friend of Michael's; took in the historical areas including the old warship, saw where the Vikings had lived off in the islands.

On the next-to-last day of our time there, Michael said that he had to pick up a package at the hotel. We waited in his car while he went in to get his package.

The package turned out to be Bea. She had flown from Geneva to Stockholm to be with us for a couple of days.

The moral of this tale is quite clear, as they say nowadays: "pay it forward." The results are amazing.

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# Obituary

## John J. Polopek, 98

John J. Polopek of Agawam peacefully passed away on Sept. 3, 2016, at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke. John was born on June 18, 1918, in Northampton.

A 1936 graduate of Chicopee High School, he excelled in sports. As a baseball pitcher for CHS, he came to be known as "Honey Polopek" because of his sweet pitches. He also excelled in hockey and graduated CHS with a hockey scholarship to play for and attend Bay Path College for accounting. He furthered his education in the evening division of Northeastern University, majoring in marketing.

An avid athlete all his life, he also loved fishing, bowling and golf. Especially enjoying the company of his many friends at the Grassmere and Agawam Country Clubs, he actively golfed until the age of 93. He was known to have been able to follow two different sports games on two different televisions while listening to a third baseball game on the radio.

John was a quiet, but patriotically proud, World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945. He fought in the European theater as a member of the 528th Field Artillery Unit under General Omar Bradley. The 528th Field Artillery Unit was subsequently transferred to the 3rd Army under General George C. Patton, where John participated in the Battle of

the Bulge.

He returned home at the war's end in June 1945 and married Bernardine M. Johnson on Aug. 25, 1945. He became a lifetime member of the VFW and West Springfield Elks.

John worked hard throughout his life. With his father, he built two houses, one in Springfield and one in Chicopee. He was employed by the Monsanto Chemical Company as a cost accountant in building and construction and as manager of the employee store; he was the owner and operator of the Agawam Superette for years; he was a sales and service representative for the Lynch Lumber Company's New England industrial accounts; he worked in sales for the Grey Supply Company; and ended his working career working as a sales representative at Fran Johnson's Golf, his favorite job.

John was predeceased by his wife, Bernardine M. Polopek; his parents, Jozef Polchlopek and Katarzyna Olech Polchlopek, who passed away when he was only two years old; his stepmother, Teresa Kopcinski; his two brothers, Frank and Michael Polchlopek of California; and by his sister, Helen MacDonald of California. He is survived by his two sons, Robert Polopek of Mission Viejo, Calif., and William Polopek, with his partner Pamela Anderson, of Norwood; and his two daughters, Elizabeth Robinson and her hus-

band Jack of Chicopee, and Margaret Rafferty and her husband Jack of New Albany, Ohio. He has seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren: Kelly Rafferty of New Albany, Ohio, Sherri McLaughlin, her husband Joseph III and great grandson Joey of Dedham, Sean Robinson, his wife Joyce and great-granddaughter Sophia of Chicopee, Corey Polopek and his wife Star of Mission Viejo, Calif., Megan Zielinski and her husband Jordan of Superior, Colo.; Marcie Polopek of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and Shelley Polopek of Gilford, N.H.

All of John's family would like to thank the nurses and staff at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke for the wonderful care they gave John during his five-month stay, especially the hospice nurses and staff of 3 North. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in John Polopek's name can be made to the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, 110 Cherry St., Holyoke, MA 01040-2829.

Calling hours for John were held Friday, Sept. 9, at the Agawam Funeral Home, immediately followed by a liturgy of Christian burial at Sacred Heart Church in Springfield. Burial with full military honors was held Monday, Sept. 12, at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main St., Agawam.

## DEATH NOTICES

### Agosto, Gomaliel

Died Sept. 6  
Funeral Sept. 10  
Curran-Jones Funeral Home  
Agawam

### Drouin, Richard E.

Died Sept. 4  
Funeral Sept. 16  
St. Pierre Phaneuf Aldenville  
Funeral Chapel

### Lagoditz, Jeannette G.

Died Sept. 9  
Funeral Sept. 15  
Curran-Jones Funeral Home  
Agawam

### Loomer, Edward J.

Died Sept. 5  
Funeral Sept. 14  
Curran-Jones Funeral Home  
Agawam

### Polopek, John J.

Died Sept. 3  
Funeral Sept. 9  
Agawam Funeral Home Inc.

### Tetreault, Annette J.

Died Sept. 3  
Funeral Sept. 10  
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Home of Agawam

## FAITH MATTERS

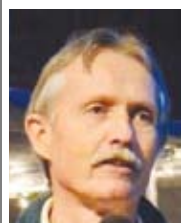
## Faith in God refreshes us

Do there come times in your life where you hit the wall? I do. Situations arise, things come up, people become obstacles and seem in many ways insurmountable. My dad used to say, "The gravy train has come to a screeching halt." Walls close in and darkness seems to become almost a friend.

In such times, we still have options, although we may not think so. We still have choices to make. Do you know, even to decide to choose is a choice? There was a certain heir-apparent, a future king, who well knew the ways of depression, the opposition of armies, and even the betrayal of friends. And, we are told, he was one after God's heart. He had choices to make too.

Many times in the caves, in the dark nights, although his soul was down, and his body weary, David turned his spirit to his heavenly Father. David rehearsed neither who he was nor his circumstance, but who is Father is. He encouraged himself in the Lord. He reminded himself that not all had abandoned him; that he was not alone, but that he was a precious one loved by a good God. He inquired and commanded himself, "Why so downcast O my soul? Put your hope in God." (Ps. 42) And in an-

other place, "Bless the Lord O my soul" (Ps. 103). As turned his heart and he spent time with his Father he became refreshed. His perspective changed. Faith arose, love restored, courage came to continue.



Bob Olmstead

Here he reveals an inner secret and an example for us. Like David (and Jesus), we can choose to be refreshed. Let's choose this day to drink from the stream of refreshing emanating from the heart of God. The scripture says, "There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God." Think not on the evil or the calamity, but on

these things: whatever is true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report.

After he had been severely insulted and cut down, I once heard a friend say, "I choose not to be offended." He short-circuited anger and resentment by making a choice. This was not some formula of wishy-washy positive thinking; this was his simple decision to rehearse the good. He chose life. And we can, too.

*Bob Olmstead is a senior elder at Lighthouse Christian Church on Springfield Street in Feeding Hills.*

## Trout derby scheduled for Oct. 9

The Mawaga Sportsmen's Club's 18th annual Fall Trout Derby will take place Sunday, Oct. 9. A full breakfast will be available beginning at 7 a.m., followed by fishing from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch will also be available.

A \$15 donation will be accepted. There is no limit on trout and no license is required.

Bait will be available and the day's events will include a giant raffle and door prizes. A \$500 prize for largest trout and \$100 for second largest will be awarded as well as other cash and merchandise prizes.

Memberships are currently available. For more information, call Ernie at 413-265-0851 or Gary at 413-789-0934.

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# Public Safety

## FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 87 EMS calls from Aug. 30 to Sept. 5, and the following emergency response calls.

On Aug. 30 at 10:37 a.m., the department responded to General Abrams Drive for alarm system activation, no fire — unintentional.

On Aug. 30 at 1:24 p.m., the department responded to Raymond Circle to assist invalid.

On Aug. 30 at 7:02 p.m., the department responded to S. Westfield Street for lockout.

On Aug. 30 at 7:55 p.m., the department responded to Wagon Wheel Drive for CO detector activation due to malfunction.

On Aug. 30 at 10:02 p.m., the department responded to Forest Hill Road for alarm system activation, no fire — unintentional.

On Aug. 31 at 9:08 a.m., the department responded to Homer Street for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

On Aug. 31 at 9:16 a.m., the department responded to Begley Street for alarm system activation, no fire — unintentional.

On Aug. 31 at 10:08 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for lockout.

On Aug. 31 at 3:17 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street, was dispatched and cancelled en route.

On Aug. 31 at 6:42 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On Aug. 31 at 8:37 p.m., the department responded to Oriole Drive for good intent call, other.

On Aug. 31 at 9:40 p.m., the department responded to River Road for smoke detector activation, no fire — unintentional.

On Sept. 1 at 12:17 p.m., the department responded to North Street for public service assistance, other.

On Sept. 1 at 2:15 p.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive for public service assistance, other.

On Sept. 1 at 3:24 p.m., the department responded to River Road, was dispatched and cancelled en route.

On Sept. 2 at 10:22 a.m., the department responded

to Kellogg Avenue for service call, other.

On Sept. 2 at 4:10 p.m., the department responded to Forest Hill Road to assist invalid.

On Sept. 2 at 7:10 p.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive to assist invalid.

On Sept. 2 at 10:25 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for fire, other.

On Sept. 3 at 12:50 a.m., the department responded to Route 57 for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On Sept. 3 at 11:43 a.m., the department responded to Leonard Street to assist invalid.

On Sept. 3 at 10 a.m., the department responded to Silver Street for citizen complaint.

On Sept. 3 at 12:53 p.m., the department responded to Logan Place for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On Sept. 3 at 6:11 p.m., the department responded to King Street to assist invalid.

On Sept. 3 at 7:14 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for lockout.

On Sept. 4 at 1:42 p.m., the department responded to Tobacco Farm Road for grass fire.

On Sept. 4 at 4:10 p.m., the department responded to School Street, was dispatched and cancelled en route.

On Sept. 4 at 7:06 p.m., the department responded to Walnut Street, was dispatched and cancelled en route.

On Sept. 5 at 5:35 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On Sept. 5 at 2:35 p.m., the department responded to Lancaster Drive for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On Sept. 5 at 8:31 p.m., the department responded to N. Westfield Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

## POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 301 calls for service from Sept. 6 to Sept. 11. The department recorded no arrests in its public log.

# Benefit dinner for Abby is Oct. 1

Abby Hamberg is a five-year old bundle of energy, like most children her age. She likes to play. She likes unicorns. She likes the color purple — again, not so unusual. But what was unusual was the day her parents received the news which would be any parent's worst nightmare. The fever that took Abby to the emergency room that night ended up in a diagnosis of acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

It's now been a little more than a year and undergoing treatment for Abby's condition has taken its toll on her family of six. There are physical, emotional, spiritual and financial impacts to be considered. While Abby's parents, Tasha and Matt, are filled with a remarkable amount of inner strength

and grace, their church family wants to help out not just with their spiritual needs, but their financial needs.

As a result, the Agawam United Methodist Church at 459 Mill St. in Feeding Hills is holding a benefit dinner Saturday, Oct. 1, at 6 p.m. All are invited. The menu includes marinated boneless chicken breast, vegetable rice, fresh garden salad, rolls with butter, and dessert.

Ticket prices are \$15 for teens and adults, \$10 for seniors and children ages 6-12, and free for children under age 6. To make reservations, call 413-888-7168. In addition, donations for Abby and her family are being taken at [www.gofundme.com/upy3ups](http://www.gofundme.com/upy3ups).

## MAHONEY ■ from page 1

hear or see the same as she used to, but she moves around very well for her age and says that staying as active as possible is very key to her longevity.

"I try to keep moving as much as I can," says Mahoney.

Amanda Kenney, the enrichment coordinator at Quail Run, said she is very impressed with Mahoney and how outgoing she is.

"She's always talking and interacting with the other residents and she's always trying to do things," said Kenney. "She also really watches what she eats. I think that has really helped her stay healthy past 100. She has a starch-free diet and doubles up on her vegetables at every meal. She also tries to eat a lot of sugar-free desserts."

However, despite what she knows about

Mahoney, Kenney has said she has asked Mahoney what her secret to a long life is.

"She tells me, 'I can't tell you,'" joked Kenney.

Mahoney was the main attraction at a small birthday party with several Quail Run residents and staff in attendance. Mahoney does not have many living family members remaining, as she had no children.

According to biographical information provided by Kenney, Mahoney was born Sept. 7, 1909, and raised in Springfield, and worked as both a secretary and cost estimator at General Instrument Corp. A staple in the Agawam community, Mahoney also spent 22 years volunteering at the Agawam Senior Center.

After blowing out her candles and making a very special birthday wish, she was serenaded by Keir White, her favorite entertainer.

## PRIMARY ■ from page 1

lican nominee, John Comerford, and an independent candidate, James Gill, in the Nov. 8 general election.

In the other contested Democratic race last week, Mary Hurley defeated fellow East Longmeadow resident Jeffrey Morneau to win the nomination for governor's councilor.

Hurley won the race by a 58-42 margin in the 8th District as a whole, which includes all of Western Massachusetts, according to the AP. She won in Agawam, too, though the race was a little tighter, a 55-45 margin, 1,142 votes to 929. Hurley won every precinct in Agawam, though Morneau finished within two votes of her, 137-135, in Precinct 3.

Hurley now appears to have a clear path to succeed Albano, with no opponent on the November ballot.

Boldyga's and Sandlin's state representative nominations set up the third November meeting between these two candidates. Sandlin, a former Agawam School Committee member, defeated Boldyga, then a Southwick selectman, to win her second

term in the state Legislature in 2008. Boldyga then prevailed by a thin margin in a three-way race to capture the seat in 2010, and has been re-elected twice since then.

In other uncontested nominations, Democrats backed incumbent U.S. Rep. Richard Neal, D-Springfield, and state Senate challenger Jerome Parker-O'Grady, D-Southampton; and Republicans nominated incumbent state Sen. Donald Humason, R-Westfield. GOP voters picked John Comerford of Palmer, the only candidate on the ballot, as their party's nominee for county sheriff; he received 248 votes in Agawam. Francis Barbaro of Wilbraham fell short in his write-in campaign for the sheriff nomination, garnering only nine votes in Agawam.

No other write-in candidate for any position received more than five votes, according to the Agawam town clerk's office. There were no candidates on the Green-Rainbow and United Independent party ballots, though Agawam voters did pull one Green ballot and 25 UIP ballots.

The total turnout of 2,669 represents 16.8 percent of Agawam's registered voters.

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1. Kiln

5. American time

8. Female sibling

11. Fencing sword

13. Spoken in Laos

14. Swiss river

15. Fictional Middle-earth

16. "The Real World" (abbr.)

17. Replacement worker

18. Form after cuts

20. Frozen water

21. Irritates

22. Type of bread

25. Female peace officers

30. Where to put things

31. Commercials

32. Hard drinker

33. Take in

38. Copy

41. Volume of published materials

43. Used to be called "skim"

45. Organizes

47. Parts of worms

49. \_\_\_ Khan: hereditary title

50. A cravat with wide square ends

55. Central China mountain range

56. Longing

57. Elephant's name

59. British children's author Blyton

60. Something curved in shape

61. Home to important events

62. Nagorno Karabakh Republic (abbr.)

63. A very large body of water

64. Consists of two elements

CLUES DOWN

1. Former CIA

2. Ooohs and \_\_\_

3. Invests in little enterprises

4. Spanish river

5. In the preceding month

6. Malignant tumor

7. Dried off

8. Via \_\_\_: main street of Ancient Rome

9. Asian country (alt. sp.)

10. One point south of southeast

12. Confederate soldier

14. Popular Bollywood actress Thottumkal

19. Small scale embedded generation (abbr.)

23. Female sheep

24. Of unsound mind

25. Pacific Time

26. Iowa town 51044

27. Trim

28. Wrath

29. Used to serve wine

34. Make less bright

35. Skywalker mentor \_\_\_-Wan Kenobi

36. Protestant, Ulster, Loyalist

37. Expression of disappointment

39. Tropical fruits

40. Furniture with open shelves

41. Metal can be extracted from it

42. Flat tableland with steep edges

44. Lingua \_\_\_

45. Chadic language

46. Peruse

47. Yemenese port city

48. Lean

51. Helps little firms need this

52. Blackjack players

53. Be obedient to

54. Source of the Nile River

58. Cool



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**MEMORIAL** ■ from page 1

crashing two into the World Trade Center towers in New York, one into the Pentagon in Virginia, and one into a field in rural Pennsylvania. Hundreds of the dead, particularly in New York, were firefighters, EMTs and police officers who rushed in, trying to save lives as the towers collapsed.

The Rev. Tim Reed, a pastor at Bethany Assembly of God in Agawam, quoted Jesus in the Gospel of John: "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends." The 9/11 monument outside the fire station, he added, "stands as a visible reminder every day to everyone who passes by, that the men and women who put on the uniform of a firefighter, paramedic or police officer stand ready at all times, even at the cost of their own life, to satisfy their oath."

Sirois, Mayor Richard Cohen and the Rev. William Hamilton, the department's chaplain, recognized the victims of the attack, but all three focused in particular on those who survived, and on the spirit of unity and nonpartisanship that prevailed in the immediate aftermath.



A wreath was placed at the town's 9/11 Memorial, outside Agawam Fire Headquarters on Main Street.

"If anything came of this atrocity, it was the feeling of a close-knit community and the love we felt for one another," Cohen said.

"Fifteen years later, we gather once again, promising to remember and to never forget," said Hamilton. "The question before us is what are we remembering and what are we not forgetting? ... Like the tranquil setting of Memorial Park and the new Trade Tower in New York, would it not strengthen our resolve to remember that hatred is quenched by mercy, vengeance gives way to forgiveness and peoples of different races, creeds, and cultures can and do join hands in friendship?"

Mentioning the "Be Kind" movement in Agawam, Sirois said his hope is that those who wish to honor the victims of 9/11 will make an effort to "ignore the rhetoric, distrust and anger that hovers around us."

The ceremony, an annual event, was held indoors for the first time this year, because of Sunday morning rain showers. It is ordinarily held outdoors at the 9/11 Memorial monument on Main Street. Firefighters, some town officials and about two dozen members of the public were in attendance.



Fire Lt. James Deming reads the "Firefighter's Prayer" as part of the remembrance ceremony.



Agawam residents gather at the town's 9/11 Memorial on Sunday morning, before the remembrance ceremony was moved indoors because of rain. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY



Fire Chief Alan Sirois speaks at the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony as firefighters stand at attention.



Mayor Richard Cohen gives his remarks on the 15th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

## New AHS lights on all day Monday

The new lights at Agawam High School's athletic complex will burn for almost a full day straight as a testing measure early next week.

The lights at the football stadium need to be tested and "commissioned" by the lighting company, said town Procurement Officer Jennifer Bonfiglio. A representative of Musco Lighting plans to be at the school at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, and the lights need to have been on for about 20 consecutive hours by that point. The testing on Monday night will take about an hour and a half.

Bonfiglio said earlier this month that the stadium lights are controlled by two separate switches, one that illuminates the track and one that lights the field. If on some evening only the track were being used, she said, the town could save money by leaving the playing field dark.

In a memorandum this week, Bonfiglio said the entire project is expected to reach substantial completion Sept. 30, in time

for the varsity football team's first scheduled home game. In the Sept. 13 memo, she described the concessions and storage buildings at the football stadium as 95 and 99 percent complete, and the track's rubberized surface 40 percent complete. Footings have been installed for the bleachers, which Bonfiglio said "will begin to go up like an erector set" as the track surface is completed.

Work on the four locker rooms in the high school building — boys' and girls' athletics and physical education locker rooms — fell behind schedule earlier in the construction process, but Bonfiglio said they are included in the estimate of substantial completion by Sept. 30.

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# Tournament of Rosie to benefit robotics teams

The 15th annual Tournament of Rosie will take place Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course, 128 Southwick St., Feeding Hills. Proceeds from the event will benefit the FIRST Robotics programs of Agawam Robotics.

Entries are \$95 per player and include golf with cart, lunch and dinner. The registration deadline is Sept. 25 and entry is based on first-paid teams.

All checks should be made payable to Agawam Robotics Education Association Inc. and sent to AREA Inc., 152 Franklin St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

For more information, contact Dana or Lynne Henry at 413-372-5828 or [dana.henry@agawamrobotics.org](mailto:dana.henry@agawamrobotics.org).

# Legals

## AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT August 17, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library, Community Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on **Monday, September 26, 2016 at 7PM** for all parties interested in the appeal of Charles A. Calabrese (Calabrese Construction LLC), who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7 of the Town of Agawam's Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a duplex on land with less than the required frontage at the premises identified as Parcel 33 Highland Avenue.

**Doreen Prouty** Chairperson  
Agawam Board of Appeals  
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## AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT August 10, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library Community Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on **Monday, September 26, 2016 at 6:30 PM** for all parties interested in the appeal of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-96 of the Town of Agawam's Zoning Ordinances to allow for the construction of a telecommunications wireless service facility at the premises identified as 1623 Main Street.

**Doreen Prouty** Chairperson  
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## AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL AD

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on **Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 6:10 PM** at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination

of Applicability of Agawam DPW for property located on North Street, Pleasant Valley Road, School Street and South Street.

By Order of **Henry A. Kozloski**, Chairman  
Agawam Conservation Commission  
9/15/16

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-8600 Docket No. HD16P1567EA Estate of: Charles H. Doucette Also Known As: Charles Henry Doucette, Jr. Date of Death: March 23, 2009 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Nancy B. Doucette** of Ludlow MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Nancy B. Doucette** of Ludlow MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court**

**Probate and Family Court Hampden Division 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-8600 Docket No. HD16P1066EA Estate of: Karen Radwilowicz Date of Death: May 5, 2016 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Edward F Radwilowicz, Jr.** of South Hadley MA.

**Edward F Radwilowicz, Jr.** of South Hadley MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD16C0170CA In the matter of: Victoria Lee Liquori Of: Agawam, MA NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

To all persons interested in petition described:

A petition has been presented by **Victoria L Liquori** requesting that: **Victoria Lee Liquori** be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows:

**Victoria Lee Littlefield**

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**your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.**

# Low water may help river cleanup Sept. 24

Low water levels forced the Westfield River Watershed Association to cancel its annual paddling event earlier this summer, but low water may be an advantage for WRWA's fall river cleanup. Volunteers may be able to remove some items in the riverbed that haven't been accessible in other years. On Saturday, Sept. 24, helpers of all ages will haul out piles of trash and large debris from various rivers and streams in the Westfield River watershed. Organizers will target sites in Agawam, West Springfield, Westfield, Russell and Huntington. The annual cleanup, sponsored by WRWA, is a way to celebrate autumn

and help protect a natural resource. Volunteers for the fall 2016 Westfield River cleanup should gather at one of two locations no later than 9 a.m., meeting in Agawam at the Pynchon Point parking lot near the South End bridge circle on River Road, or in Westfield in the public parking lot at the end of Meadow Street near the new green bridge. WRWA will distribute gloves and trash bags and offer safety tips, then send out the site teams. Assignments are generally completed by 1 p.m. or earlier.

Everyone is welcome, but children must be supervised by an adult. WRWA will arrange with local com-

munities for pickup of trash and debris recovered at each site. For questions, contact Mark Damon regarding Westfield locations at 413-977-1577, [markjdamon@gmail.com](mailto:markjdamon@gmail.com), or Sheryl Becker for Agawam area sites at 413-374-1921, [sherlearth69@gmail.com](mailto:sherlearth69@gmail.com).

The Westfield River Watershed Association was established in 1953 to protect and improve the natural resources of the watershed, as well as to expand recreational and other land use opportunities for people's enjoyment and for sound ecology. To learn more, visit [www.westfieldriver.org](http://www.westfieldriver.org).

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at: Springfield on or before ten o'clock in the morning (10:00 a.m.) on: 10/07/2016.

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 9, 2016  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
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**AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL AD**

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 6:20 PM**, at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Six Flags New England for work to be performed at Looney Tune Restrooms, 1623 Main Street subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of **Henry A. Kozloski**, Chairman  
Agawam Conservation Commission  
9/15/16

**AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL AD**

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on **Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 6:00 PM** at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Webber for property located at 277 Silver Street.

By Order of **Henry A. Kozloski**, Chairman  
Agawam Conservation Commission  
9/15/16

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD16P1592PM In the matter of:**

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lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. **M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 02, 2016  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD16P1509GD In the interests of Yoel Cortes Of Agawam, MA Minor NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 08/22/2016 by **Laura Ann Dearborn** of Agawam, MA will be held 09/22/2016 08:15 a.m. Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located 50 State Street, 4th Floor, Springfield, MA 01103

2. **Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. **Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. **Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

Date: August 22, 2016  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
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# Youth

## At the bus stop



Waiting for the bus on the first day of school at Granger School in Feeding Hills are, from left, Aidan Dasilva, kindergarten, and Alyssa Dasilva and Owen Bulmer, both second-graders. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Doering School students Carter Bulmer, grade 5, and sixth-graders Nicholas Caputo, Allison Boucher and Jacob Barber, wait for the bus on the first day of school Sept. 6.

## Phelps School takes top spot in summer reading contest

As part of the "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!" Summer Reading program at the Agawam Public Library, the Friends of the Agawam Public Library held a contest for the students of the Agawam elementary schools. The school with the highest percentage of 25-Day Summer Readers won \$200 from the Friends of the Agawam Public Library for its library, while the other three schools each won \$100.

First place went to Benjamin Phelps School, with Robinson Park School in second, and a third place tie between James Clark School and Clifford Granger School.

The Friends of the Agawam Public Library is a not-for-profit membership organization composed of a small group of very active members. Since the group's inception in 2003, Friends has donated over \$60,000 to the library. This has enabled the library to supplement its regular operating



Phelps School was awarded a check for \$200 to benefit its library as the winning school in a reading program contest held this summer. Pictured from left are Pamela Weingart, Jennifer Green, Marcia Capuano and Jean Clar. SUBMITTED PHOTO

budget and to acquire resources and equipment that they would not have been able to get without help from the Friends group. New members are welcome. For more information, visit [agawamlibrary.org/about/friends](http://agawamlibrary.org/about/friends).

Marcia Capuano, president of the Friends of the Agawam Library,

Jean Clark, treasurer, along with Pamela Weingart, youth services librarian, presented a check for \$200 on Sept. 7 to Jennifer Green for the library at Phelps School.

For more information on programs and events that are going on at the library, visit [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org).

## School Lunch

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**Monday, Sept. 19:** Spicy chicken fingers with dipping sauce, mashed potatoes, seasoned broccoli, fresh and chilled fruit.  
**Tuesday, Sept. 20:** Chicken patty on a bun, lettuce and tomato, oven baked fries, seasoned carrots, chilled and fresh fruit.  
**Wednesday, Sept. 21:** Chicken filet wrap with assorted sauce served with lettuce, tomato and cheese, side of pasta salad, fresh and chilled fruit.  
**Thursday, Sept. 22:** Fresh assorted calzones, garden salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit.  
**Friday, Sept. 23:** Stuffed cheesy bread, dipping sauce, cucumber salad, corn, fresh and chilled fruit.

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**Wednesday, Sept. 21:** Chicken scampi over spaghetti, local cucumber wedges, garlic bread, local apple slices.  
**Thursday, Sept. 22:** Cheeseburger grinder (Junior High), filet of fish sandwich and tartar sauce (Doering School and elementary), coleslaw, baked potato rounds, assorted fruit.  
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## AGAWAM AT THE BIG E

# Her fair share: 82 years as visitor, worker, volunteer

By Mike Lydick  
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One of Rita Moore's earliest memories of the Big E was the "big round up" of livestock in 1938 by Agawam High School students.

"It was the day the '38 Hurricane struck Western Massachusetts. The wind and rain caused so much damage they needed to rescue the livestock and bring them to higher ground," recalled Moore from her Agawam home last month, just a day before her 90th birthday.

Although she was in elementary school at the time, she had a friend in the agricultural class at the old AHS on Main Street, now the Doering School. "Students ran over to the Big E, grabbed heads of cattle — 11 or 12 at a time — and brought them across to Agawam on the old wooden bridge. Because of the hurricane, the bridge was swaying in the wind as the water in the river rushed below."

Students tethered the cattle behind the school until their owners could claim them. Cattle from the fairgrounds were also herded to Bowles Airport off Silver Street, where the industrial park is now located.

Moore's earliest memories of the fair go back to 1934, when she was living in Springfield.

"That was my first year visiting the fair. My father had horses, so we went to see the horse show," she said. "I've never forgotten my first visit."

She also recalls that in those days the

fair's streets and walkways were surfaced in with cinder ashes, not pavement: "When we came home from the fair our shoes and socks were coated with cinder dust. But we still had a good time."

Moore's family moved to Agawam in 1937 — "between the '36 flood and the '38 hurricane," she said. Moore continued to go to the fair each year because she loved walking down the Avenue of the States and visiting the animals in the agricultural area.

About 30 years after her first visit, Moore decided she wanted to do more than just visit the fair, "so my girlfriend and I applied for jobs. We wanted to work at the fair because we wanted to do something besides just going to PTA meetings."

Hired to work in the New Hampshire Building — Moore selling popcorn and her friend selling fudge — Moore continued to work or volunteer at the Big E for more than 50 years.

Within a couple of years, Moore went from selling popcorn to becoming an assistant in the marketing and information department. Moore helped to arrange for school groups to visit the fair, assisted with special shows, and typed press releases.

"We didn't have computers back then, so I had to use a typewriter to type the releases on stencil paper," she said. "It wasn't too bad, because the fair was only six days then."

One of her responsibilities in the late 1960s was to hire people for two booths that Coca-Cola had on the fairgrounds. She



Rita Moore has been to the Big E every year since 1934. Here she holds a framed photograph of her working in an information booth at the fair in the 1960s or '70s, autographed by some of her coworkers. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

also had to order their uniforms. Moore also came up with an idea that the fair used for many years.

"We painted lines of different colors on the pavement to make it easier for fairgoers to get around the grounds," she said. "The markings led to different places — such as an information booth or to restrooms."

The inspiration for the lines came after Moore visited a hospital and saw floors marked with lines to make it less confusing

for patients to find various departments.

"It worked well at the Big E for many years until someone higher up decided he didn't like the lines and had them painted over," she recalled.

Moore continued to volunteer in the marketing and public information office up until last year.

"I made so many friends at the Big E over the years. I have so many good memories of the fair," she said.



Rachel Pokorny and her parents, Catherine and Jeff Pokorny, take a break while setting up the beer garden at the Big E. They run Eddie Shore Enterprises, an Agawam-based family business for which Rachel manages the fourth generation beer garden. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

## Family business keeps Mr. Hockey's legacy alive

By Mike Lydick  
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Edward W. "Eddie" Shore is remembered across North America for hockey — as a hard-nosed NHL player and, especially in the Springfield area, as an equally hard-nosed AHL owner, general manager and player-coach.

Fewer people know that Shore's connection to the Eastern States Exposition ran much deeper than simply sharing the Coliseum, where his Springfield Indians played their home games every winter. Or that it continues to this day, as more than 30 years after his death, the fourth generation of his family, based in Agawam, keeps Eddie Shore Enterprises in business.

"Our family has had great relationships here ever since my great-grandfather played hockey in the Coliseum, so we enjoy working with them and seeing our many regular customers year after year," said Rachel Pokorny, the general manager of the Samuel Adams Beer Garden on the Avenue of the States.

She works alongside her parents, Catherine and Jeff Pokorny, who started managing the beer garden in 1989 — the year she was born — when it only served wine.

Catherine Pokorny is one of Eddie



In this photo from the late 1940s, Ted Shore Jr. — the son of hockey great Eddie Shore and grandfather of Rachel Pokorny — poses in front of the Eastern States Coliseum, where the family continues to run the stadium concessions and the Big E beer garden. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Shore's four grandchildren, but Rachel has a family connection to the Big E on her father's side, too.

"My dad's father, Art Pokorny, worked for the Big E when my dad was in high school," said Rachel.

It was probably inevitable that Rachel Pokorny would get involved in the Shore-Pokorny business at the exposition. Rachel,

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## Wholesome meals for a good price — and a good cause

By Mike Lydick  
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Agawam Lions have been selling chicken dinners for more than 50 years at the Big E. It's one of the most popular food pavilions at the fair — but not everyone thought it was such a good idea at first.

"Some members thought it was too risky because of the club's financial condition at the time, especially since it was required to pay the Big E in advance," said Harry Camyre, chairman of the Lions Club committee that runs the pavilion, as members were preparing recently for the 55th year at the fair.

Camyre, who joined the club in 1973, added that the club finally voted to start selling dinners after Nick Zucco, then the club's chairman, offered to reimburse the club if the new venture was unsuccessful.

The club started cooking its "bar-b-que" chickens in 1961 on an open charcoal pit at the corner of the Avenue of the States and West Road. Dinners included french fries, salad and drink — all for \$1.75. By contrast,

dinner at Storowton Tavern cost about \$5.

The first year, the club made about \$2,000. The next year, it was nearly \$5,000.

"They thought they had hit the jackpot," said Dick Bassett, a past president of the Agawam club, which was formed in 1944. "I think the reason it was a success — and continues to be successful today — is that the club offered a wholesome meal at a good price. Also, people knew that that all the profits went to charity."

Camyre said the dinners "just took off" and the booth "just grew and grew from there." For several years, the club used a home refrigerator, rented chairs, tables and a tent for fairgoers to eat their dinners.

Then, in 1966, the club built a permanent pavilion on the site, which they use year-round. When the pavilion was almost destroyed by a fire in the barbecue pit during the 1986 Big E, volunteers quickly helped erect a tent so the club could continue for the rest of the fair.

The cinderblock building cost about \$4,000. It includes a dining room, walk-in

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Nick Zucco, the Agawam Lions Club member who came up with the idea of selling chicken dinners at the Big E, is second from the right in this photo taken in front of the Lions' pavilion in 1962, the barbecue stand's second year of operation. A complete chicken dinner sold for \$1.75. SUBMITTED PHOTO



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refrigerator, storage areas, serving counter, and kitchen area. The pit is enclosed, and passersby can watch through large windows as chickens are roasted.

Around 1975, when the Big E expanded from six to 12 days, the club also expanded its food offerings. In addition to the chicken dinners, the club began selling chicken tenders and barbecue ribs.

Chicken dinners are what keeps many customers coming back year after year, but adding different foods helps draw new customers, said Charlie Sienkiewicz. The pavilion's manager during the fair for the past several years, he helps develop new food products.

Last year he introduced the "conewich" — an edible bread cone filled with pulled chicken, chili, mac and cheese, or fruit salad. About 10,000 were sold, far outpacing expectations. It proved so popular that this year the club is adding conewiches filled with shepherd's pie or Jamaican jerk chicken.

Camyre said the booth continues to be a successful fundraiser for the club — in 2015 it raised more than \$20,000 — because the value of the meals.

"Our chicken dinner is one of the best meals on the ground for the price," he said. "It's a healthy meal that's geared toward families on a budget."

Another part of the attraction, especially to people from Agawam, is that they see



Looking over a sign advertising the Agawam Lions Club's chicken dinner — which now sells for \$12 — are, from left, Dick Bassett, a past president; Harry Camyre, chairman of the committee that runs the club's Big E pavilion; and Charlie Sienkiewicz, the pavilion's manager. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

a lot of familiar faces when they visit the booth. Although club members do most of volunteer work, it takes about 50 people each day — two shifts of 25 — to cook the food, serve it, and then clean up.

About 30 percent of the fair volunteers are non-club members from Agawam, including members of the high school honor society and the local Boy Scouts.

"We couldn't operate without those vol-

unteers," said Bassett, who's been a member for 42 years.

When the Lions started selling dinners more than a half century ago, there were numerous churches and other service organizations selling food. Today, novelty food trucks and local for-profit restaurants dominate the list of concessions, and the Agawam Lions Club is one of just two not-for-profit organizations still serving food.

## Lions BBQ has new cones, 'tot lot' fundraiser

The Agawam Lions Club will continue in the tradition of serving its roasted chicken, mac and cheese bread cones, savory ribs and more at this year's 100th anniversary of the Big E.

The mac and cheese bread cone was ranked number 5 in a fairgoer poll of new foods at the Big E in 2015. This year, Jamaican jerk chicken and shepherd's pie bread cones have been added to the menu. Classic favorites, including savory pulled chicken, chicken tenders and local Cecchi's corn on the cob are available as well.

The Agawam Lions Club has both a take-out window and plentiful seating to dine in. The club is located directly across from the Xfinity Arena, just around the corner from the Rhode Island building at the end of the Avenue of States.

The Big E barbecue is the Lions Club's largest annual fundraiser. This year, all money collected in the club's restaurant tip jars will benefit the Perry Lane "Tot Lot" project.

To volunteer at the Agawam Lions Club restaurant at the Big E, contact Harry Camyre at 413-977-0538. To join in any of the club's community service projects, contact Dick Lanier at 413-335-5434.

For more information on the Agawam Lions Club, follow it on Facebook or visit [www.agawamlions.org](http://www.agawamlions.org).

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whose mother went into labor with her on the exposition grounds just days after the fair ended, has joked that she's been coming to the Big E since before she was even born.

"The next year, I was back at the fair in my stroller — and I haven't missed a year since," said Pokorny, who is in her fifth year of managing the Sam Adams Beer Garden. At the 2015 Big E, she was honored with a Host of the Day award for her work.

She was just 4 when she served her first customer at a concession stand. According to Catherine Pokorny, it was all pure instinct from being around the business.

"One day Rachel came to me and said she wanted to wait on a customer. She took a pencil and order pad, stood on a milk crate and took an order for a cup of coffee. She poured cream and sugar into the coffee, served it, took the money, and counted out the correct change — all without any help," she recalled as the family set up the beer garden last week.

Now she is the manager. Jeff Pokorny said he is proud of his daughter, as it can be

a daunting challenge to run a family business.

"There's a lot of weight that gets put on Rachel's shoulders, but she seems to take it all in stride," he said.

While taking an international business program at American International College, Pokorny envisioned a career travelling around the world. But working with her parents at the fair following her 2012 college graduation, she realized she wanted to help carry on the family business instead.

Pokorny, who still lives in Agawam, as do her parents, said she has no regrets about going into the family business: "I see how happy my parents are doing what they do. I respect and admire them — I want to be like them in 20 years."

When she graduated from AIC, Rachel's "grandpa," Eddie "Ted" Shore Jr., gave her some of his books on management from the 1960s.

"That meant so much to me — I still have them and I treasure them," she said. "My grandparents are so happy that I'm carrying on the family tradition by being the fourth generation in the business that

my great-grandfather started."

Saskatchewan native Eddie Shore arrived in the Springfield area after retiring from the Boston Bruins in 1939 and buying the Springfield Indians minor-league hockey team, whose home was the Eastern States Coliseum, to save them from bankruptcy. He eventually led the Indians to an unprecedented three consecutive AHL championships and earned the nickname "Mr. Hockey."

In 1956, while he was turning the AHL franchise into a winning team, Shore launched a small food concession business at the Big E. In addition to the beer garden, the Agawam-based business also operates a concession in the Coliseum for non-Big E events.

Pokorny said if Eddie Shore were alive today — he died in 1985 — he would be delighted that his business is still run by his family.

"He would be pleased to know that we still care about the quality of the food we serve and it would make him very happy to know we are still successful," she said.

## Know to go

The Big E will be held on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition at 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield, daily from Friday, Sept. 16, to Sunday, Oct. 2.

Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$10 for children. All visitors pay the children's price on opening day. Discounts are available for military members, seniors, and visitors arriving after 6 p.m. See [thebige.com](http://thebige.com) for more information. Parking is \$10 per vehicle on the exposition grounds; several private lots within walking distance, including some in Agawam, charge similar or lower rates. Tickets to midway rides and certain music concerts are extra.

Salute to Agawam Day is Wednesday, Sept. 28. The Agawam Parade on the exposition grounds will be at 5 p.m. that day.

Gates open daily at 8 a.m.; most exhibits and events begin at 10 a.m.

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# SPORTS

## FOOTBALL

### Morassi leads offense with four TD's, Brownies beat Spartans



Aiden Page kicks off for the Brownies.  
TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
gscibelli@turley.com

EAST LONGMEADOW – Before he knew it, last Friday night was going to be a special night for senior running back Chris Morassi.

On the third play of the game, Morassi would intercept a pass and led to Agawam's first scoring opportunity of the game, then, he went on to get another pick and scored four touchdowns in a 41-34 victory for Agawam over East Longmeadow on the road.

The Brownies are not returning a lot of experience to their starting lineup, but coach John Benjamin said he believes his new crop of players are familiar with their program and ready for the challenge of game action.

The Brownies would kick off and their defense

needed just three plays to get the ball back, with Morassi stealing a pass near the right sideline. He literally pickpocketed an East Longmeadow receiver to give Agawam the ball.

He would score on a short running play to make it 6-0. Contributing to the play was Anthony Adams, who had a couple of effective runs during the opening drive.

On the next possession, Morassi would again grab an interception in the middle of the field.

In the second quarter, the Brownies would own the scoreboard, with quarterback Mike Basile connecting with Morassi twice on touchdown passes. He also made a great 15-yard pass to the far left that found Aiden Page for a

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Chris Morassi rushes to his right.



Jared Durocher makes a diving tackle that prevented an East Longmeadow rusher from breaking away.



A host of Agawam defenders make a tackle.

## GIRLS SOCCER

### Brownies offense leads team to a 2-0 start

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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AGAWAM – Last year, the Granby High School girls soccer team went undefeated in Western Massachusetts, including a huge upset win at the end of last season against a tough Division I game against Agawam.

This year was the second year of a two-match independent deal between Granby and Agawam, and the Brownies were out for revenge, and out to show their they were not going to let the Rams get another one from them.

Last Friday afternoon, Agawam got a big second half goal late from Alyssa Montagna and the Brownies were the first team in Western Massachusetts to defeat Granby since 2014 with a 2-1 victory at School Street Park.

The two teams each scored very early in the match with Granby actually striking first early in the match. It was Nora Young was scored the first goal of the game when she took a pass from Trystin Burger and got it past Erin Berthiaume to make it 1-0 Granby.

The Brownies would respond



Ally Dubiel goes to her left to avoid the Granby defense. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

with a goal almost immediately. Montagna would feed Caitlyn Shean, who got the ball by Brooklyn Baran to tie the score 1-1 a minute after Granby had taken their lead.

The two teams would go to halftime with a tie score, and Agawam came out aggressive in the second half, starting to control

possession for much more of the game.

The Brownies would try several different runs and angles, but Granby's defense did a good job fending Agawam off until later in the game.

Finally, freshman Mia Kelley,

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## BOYS SOCCER

### Ludlow gets measure of revenge on Brownies

By Tim Peterson  
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW - After going 0-2-1 versus Agawam last fall, the returning members of the Ludlow boys varsity soccer team had extra motivation entering this year's season opening match against the Brownies.

The Lions, who held a 2-0 half-time advantage, added two more goals during the second half en route to a 4-0 shutout victory before a large crowd at Ludlow High School, last Thursday night.

"We really wanted to win this game tonight," said Ludlow senior Tiago Dias, who scored a pair of goals in the season opener. "We lost to Agawam twice last year and we really wanted to show them what we're made of this year. It's a huge win for us."

The Lions, who entered the 2015 postseason tournament with a 9-5-4 record, suffered a heartbreaking 1-0 loss against the Brownies in a Western Massachusetts Division 1 quarterfinal match. The Brownies also defeat-

ed the Lions, 3-0, in the season opener last September. The second meeting of the regular season between the two teams, which was held at Agawam High School, ended in a 1-1 draw.

"We beat Ludlow in the season opener and in the postseason tournament last year. They didn't have the opportunity to play in the tournament two years ago, so they're a very hungry team this year," said Agawam head coach Tom Smith. "They're one of the best teams in the area, but I'm really looking forward to playing them again during the regular season."

Even though the two teams are members of different leagues, they're scheduled to face each other for the second time during the regular season at Agawam High School on October 3rd.

"We've played some very good games against Agawam during the past couple of years," said Ludlow head coach Greg Kolodziey. "It's a good test and playing them also

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# Sports

## Last week's scores

**Tuesday, Sept. 6**

Golf  
Agawam 168, Longmeadow 168  
Girls Volleyball  
Agawam 3, Ludlow 1  
Boys Cross Country  
South Hadley 28, Agawam 29  
Girls Cross Country  
South Hadley 22, Agawam 39

**Wednesday, Sept. 7**

Girls Soccer  
Agawam 5, Southwick 1  
Golf  
Agawam 152, Tantasqua 155

**Thursday, Sept. 8**

Boys Soccer  
Ludlow 4, Agawam 0  
Field Hockey  
Agawam 3, Westfield 0  
Girls Volleyball  
Agawam 3, West Springfield 1

**Friday, Sept. 9**

Football  
Agawam 41, East Longmeadow 34  
Girls Soccer  
Agawam 2, Granby 1

**Monday, Sept. 12**

Boys Soccer  
Longmeadow 6, Agawam 0  
Golf  
Agawam at Taconic, n

## Pasta supper to benefit youth field hockey

AGAWAM – The Agawam Youth Field Hockey Association is holding a buffet pasta dinner and magic show fundraiser at St. Anne's Country Club on Friday, Sept. 30. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for a cash bar and silent auction. Buffett dinner will begin at 6 p.m., with the magic show at 7 p.m. PJ. Pinsonnault's magic has been described as incredible, mind-blowing, hilarious, and unbelievable. He is one of the premiere sleight-of-hand artists in New England. Forget what you know about magic and magicians! For more information, visit [www.themagicofpj.com](http://www.themagicofpj.com).

Tickets are \$25 or two for \$40 and must be purchased in advance. Purchase of an entire table is available for large groups. To donate a raffle prize or to order tickets, please contact an AYFH family or coach or Becky Lescarbeau at [ralescarbeau@comcast.net](mailto:ralescarbeau@comcast.net) or Barb Wojciechowski at (413) 789-9313.

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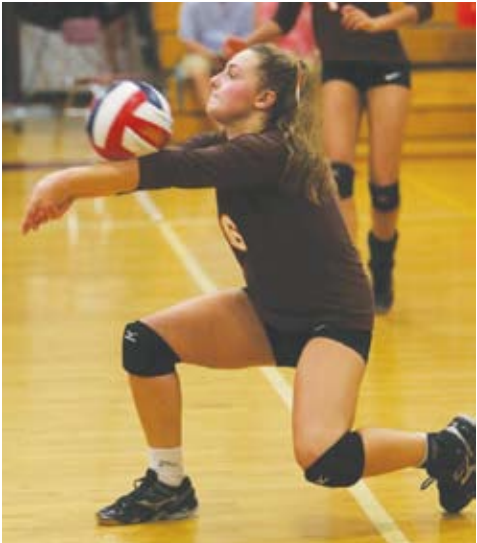
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## Brownies grab two wins

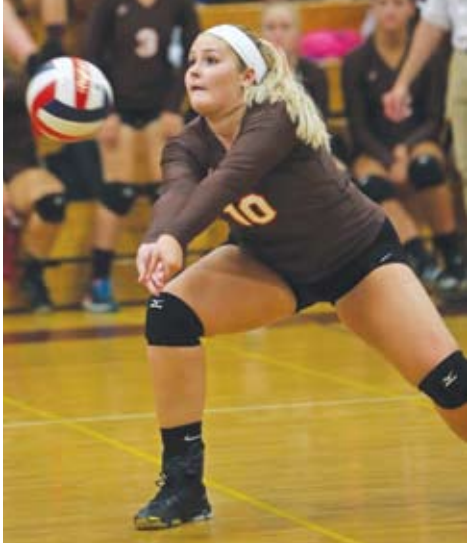
AGAWAM – The Agawam High School girls volleyball team dropped Ludlow and West Springfield during the past week, both by 3-1 scores to open up the regular season. Last Thursday, the Brownies beat West Springfield 3-1 with Maddy Lockwood having a huge game with 43 assists. Caroline Hitchcock had 16 kills and Abbey Viens had 13 kills. Agawam is 2-0 to start the fall 2016 season.



**Maddy Lockwood looks up as she makes a set.** TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



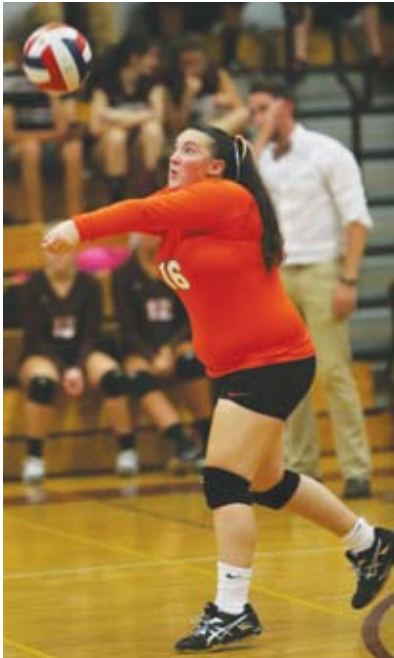
**Abbey Viens kneels to make a bump.**



**Liz Milliken starts a play with a bump.**



**Sofiya Kirik makes a bump in the middle of the court.**



**Paige Hollander keeps play going with a hit.**

## Youth basketball tryouts announced

The Agawam Athletic Association (AAA) is a non-profit organization founded to promote the sport of basketball for Agawam's youth. For over 35 years the Agawam Athletic Association has sponsored the most talented and competitive travel teams in Agawam youth basketball for girls and boys in grades 3 thru 8. Our association's travel basketball teams compete against the best Suburban and CYO basketball talent throughout the greater Springfield area.

Try-outs for Boys will be:  
3rd Grade – Thursday, Oct. 6 from 5 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.  
4th Grade – Thursday, Oct. 6 from 5 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.  
5th Grade – Thursday; Sept. 29 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
6th Grade – Thursday, Sept. 29 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
7th Grade -- Tuesday Sept. 27 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
8th Grade – Tuesday Sept. 27

from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Try-outs for Girls will be:  
3rd and 4th Grade – Wednesday, Oct. 5 from 5 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.  
5th and 6th Grade – Wednesday, Oct. 5 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
7th and 8th Grade – Thursday, Oct. 6 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Still looking for a coach for 3rd grade girls. If interested, please contact George. All tryouts will be held at Agawam Junior High School and players should arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of their scheduled time.  
For more information and/or questions about the Agawam Athletic Association Suburban and CYO basketball program please contact George Circosta at [GeoCircosta@comcast.net](mailto:GeoCircosta@comcast.net) or 374-2283. Information can also be found on our web site: [www.leaguelineup.com/agawamaa](http://www.leaguelineup.com/agawamaa).

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# Sports

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who was impressive during the preseason to earn a spot on the roster, came up with the pass to Montagna that resulted in the game-winner, sending Agawam to the win and dropping the Rams to 1-1.

Agawam's offense would break out early in the season when the Brownies defeated neighboring Southwick 5-1 last Wednesday afternoon at home.

The Brownies had an early lead, but scored to take the lead, and broke away as the second half progressed.

Montagna scored both goals in the first half, then assisted on two others in the second half as Shean notched two goals and Sarah Carron added the fifth tally.

Agawam did a lot of its damage by attacking from the right side.

Berthiaume played well in goal, allowing one first half goal to Southwick's Alex Mello, but nothing else after that.

Agawam finally got into action against Division I teams earlier this week, and the Brownies face Central today at 6 p.m. Agawam hosts Longmeadow tomorrow at 4 p.m. at School Street Park.



Jess Bonfiglio heads off a ball rolling toward the Agawam end of the field.



Allie Wysocki goes after a 50/50 ball. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Ally Dubiel attempts to wrest the ball away from the Southwick offense.



Agawam's Katie Grasso looks up the field looking for an open path.



Quarterback Mike Basile gets set to hand the ball off. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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touchdown.

East Longmeadow had one drive going late in the second quarter, but Basile, who also plays defense, intercepted a pass to give the Brownies their final drive of the first half.

The Brownies were able to keep their momentum going early in the second half as they received and scored quickly on a 64-yard run.

East Longmeadow finally got on the board a bit later in the third quarter, but a six-yard run by Thomas Carcciola would negate that score.

The Spartans were able to go on a bit of a tear late in the game, but simply did not have enough time to come all the way back for the win.

Morassi, who is expected to lead the Agawam offense this year, had 14 carries for 162 yards and two touchdowns. He also amassed 101 receiving yards on three re-

ceptions. In his first regular go-round as a running back, Adam had a good game with 13 carries for 115 yards. He didn't score, but was very effective in keying Agawam's drives down the field.

The Brownies will continue on the independent circuit during the first three weeks of the season. They will face Westfield on the road on Sept. 16 at 7 p.m.

## Unsung heroes

**Joe Stevens #60, and Jack Pouliot #66  
Agawam Football**

The two linemen scored a huge tackle early in the second quarter on a second down with East Longmeadow closing in on a potential score. The tackle put a stop to East Longmeadow's momentum and Agawam went on to allow no points against in the first half.

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helps us prepare for the postseason tournament. I hope we can continue playing them two times during the regular season for at least the next couple of years."

Agawam, who had an 11-3-4 regular season record a year ago, lost to Longmeadow in the Western Mass. Division 1 finals.

The Lions took a 1-0 lead during the 14th minute in the season opener following a corner kick. The kick, which was taken from the left corner by senior Jacob Trajkovski was headed into the back of the net past Agawam sophomore goalkeeper Ben Mielnikowski (9 saves) by junior Jared Leroux, who scored two goals for the varsity soccer team as a sophomore.

"Jared might be one of the smallest players on the field, but he's a big time soccer player," Dias said. "I'm very proud of him and it's always very important to take the lead in this game. We really wanted to score the first goal."

A couple of minutes later, Agawam senior Luis Nieves, who has netted 21 goals during his outstanding varsity career, fired a low shot towards the goal, but Ludlow senior keeper Matt Jordan was able to make one of his six saves in the match.

Jordan was aided by a senior laden defensive unit led by Dominick Albano, Josh Grywalski, Nik McKay, and Noga.

"We have five seniors back there who have a lot of experience," Kolodziej said. "It's always very nice whenever your goalie can post a shutout, especially in the season

opener."

Agawam had another scoring chance on a header following a free kick by senior Dan Korotich before the Lions increased their lead to 2-0 on a goal by Dias, which was assisted by Leroux.

The Brownies had several more scoring chances during the final ten minutes of the opening half, but the Lions held a two-goal advantage at halftime.

Four minutes into the second half, Ludlow scored a goal following another corner kick. Once again Trajkovski booted the ball from the left corner to the near post where Dias flicked it into the net off his heel.

"We practice that play all of the time, but it's the first time it has worked in a varsity game," said Dias, who scored his sixth varsity goal. "It just felt fantastic."

With about 20:00 remaining in regulation, Agawam senior Frank Dejkus (seven saves) replaced Mielnikowski in goal.

"Both of our goalies are very similar," Smith said. "We wanted to give Frank some playing time tonight."

Ludlow senior Josh Labonte put his name into scoring column with a goal during the 65th minute, which was assisted by Noga.

The Brownies players will be looking for a little payback when the two rivals face each other again in a couple of weeks.

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**Tuesday, Sept. 20**

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL will meet at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. The meeting is open to the public. This all-volunteer organization, appointed by the mayor and funded, in part, by the Mass. Cultural Council, is looking for new members

**Wednesday, Sept. 21**

THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE OF THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH at 745 Main St., will host Mission Night at the church at 7 p.m. in Bryan Hall. The public is invited to coffee and dessert with Elena Huegel.

**Thursday, Sept. 22**

MASSWILDLIFE ECOLOGISTS AND FORESTERS will lead a habitat site walk at the Southwick Wildlife Management Area at 3 p.m. Walkers should dress for the weather, as the walk will be held rain or shine, and bring insect repellent, binoculars, camera, sunscreen, and wearing sturdy boots. The group will meet at 3 p.m. at the MassWildlife parking area on South Longyard Road in Southwick.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Pen to Paper" featuring Mary Savig, curator of manuscripts at the Smithsonian's Archives of American Art, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

**Sunday, Sept. 25**

SACRED AMERICAN MUSIC, 1816-2016, community concert at 2 p.m. at Copper Hill United Methodist Church, 27 Copper Hill Road, E. Granby, Conn.

**Thursday, Sept. 29**

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "When the Road Came Through: How the Construction of Interstate 91 Changed Western Mass." featuring Barry Dietz, local historian, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

**Saturday, Oct. 1**

THE TASTE OF ITALY FESTIVAL at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at 36 Margaret St., Springfield. This celebration will begin with Mass in the church on William Street at 4 p.m. There is no entrance fee; parking is free. Food tickets will be sold.

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**Sunday, Oct. 9**

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. A special coin topic will be presented and discussed. Refreshments available. Guests wel-

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**Wednesday, Oct. 12**

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

**Thursday, Oct. 13**

THE OVATION SPEAKERS SERIES at Springfield Technical Community College continues with "Get Out and Vote" featuring Bill Scher and Holly Robichaud, at 11 a.m. in the Scibelli Hall (Building 2). Free and open to the public.

**Saturday, Oct. 15**

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST GUILD VENDORS FAIR from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. John the Evangelist Parish Center, 833 Main St., Agawam.

FRIENDS OF THE SOUTHWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY CRAFT FAIR from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Southwick Town Hall, 454 College Highway .

**Wednesday, Oct. 26**

WEST OF THE RIVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will host Food Fest West from 5:30-8 p.m. at Crestview Country Club, 281 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. Tickets are \$25 in advance at [www.westoftheriverchamber.com](http://www.westoftheriverchamber.com), or \$35 at the door. For more information, contact the Chamber office at 413-426-3880 or [info@westoftheriverchamber.com](mailto:info@westoftheriverchamber.com).

**Saturday, Nov. 19**

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CHURCH annual Christmas Craft Fair and Bake Sale today and tomorrow. The Knights of Columbus will be serving food on Saturday. Free parking is available behind the church for all. For more information, call 413-569-0162.

**ONGOING**

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MOM 2 MOM takes place the second Tuesday of every month October through June, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. A round-table discussion hosted by a local "veteran" mom, this is a great way to have further conversation on recent café themes and parent education events, celebrate parenting and receive encouragement for the trials.

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THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK COMMITTEE meets the third Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level classroom at St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main St., Agawam. For information on how to join, call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247 or email Rosemary Sandlin at [rosemary-sandlin@gmail.com](mailto:rosemary-sandlin@gmail.com)

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers "Crochet Club" every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needle-workers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

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**Monday, Sept. 19:** Cheese ravioli with meat sauce, spinach salad, oranges.  
**Tuesday, Sept. 20:** Roast turkey with stuffing, cranberry sauce, squash, pears.  
**Wednesday, Sept. 21:** Barbeque chicken, potato salad, corn, pudding.  
**Thursday, Sept. 22:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, baked good.  
**Friday, Sept. 23:** Chicken soup, tuna on whole-wheat, three-bean salad, mixed fruit.

**Calendar of Events**

**Monday, Sept. 19:** 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:30 a.m., line dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 1:30 p.m., financial seminar with John Dee (Veterans Hall); 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.  
**Tuesday, Sept. 20:** 9 a.m., exercise class, knitting class, sewing class; 10 a.m., chair exercise; noon, ladies only billiards; 12:30 p.m., mah

jongg, movie ("The Producers"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., chorus; 4:30 p.m., yoga; 6 p.m., beginner line dance; 7 p.m., Garden Club meeting.

**Wednesday, Sept. 21:** 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 8:30 a.m., Meet the Mayor (coffee shop); 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., ballroom lessons, scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 2 meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold; Tobacco Valley Artists meetin.

**Thursday, Sept. 22:** 9 a.m., exercise; 9:30 a.m., quilting; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., pitch, open art begins; 2 p.m., Melody Band practice (subject to change); 6:30 p.m., evening pitch, evening line dancing, cancer support group.

**Friday, Sept. 23:** 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., all media art; 10 a.m., tai chi; noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage; 4 p.m., poker.

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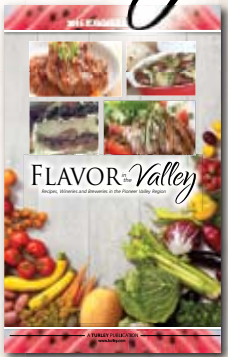
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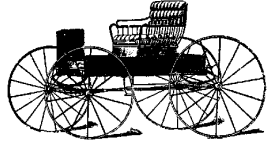
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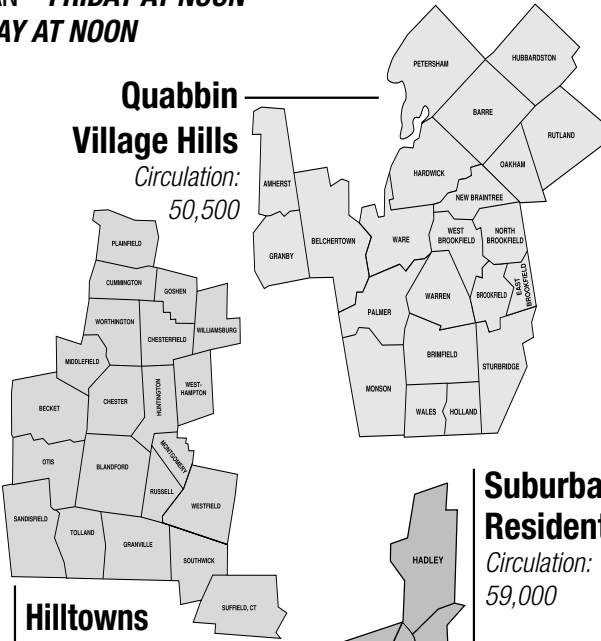
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Gavin Dusza, 5, gets to set in the driver's seat of the fire truck.



Agawam School Resource Officer John Field at a display on drugs and drug paraphernalia at Public Safety Day, a free event hosted by the Insurance Center of New England on Suffield Street in Agawam on Sunday. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Police officers Sam Ford of Palmer and Ryan Romano from Chicopee work with K-9 officer Kane during prior to a demonstration.



Kristina LaPlante gives her son, Dylan, 2, a juice box.



Al Mastroianni and Dave Floran operate the grill.



# Agawam all over Big E history book

By Michael J. Ballway  
mballway@turley.com

Page through David Cecchi's new collection of Big E images and you're bound learn something new, amid the familiar faces and fond memories.

Just in time for the 100th anniversary of the Eastern States Exposition (Lesson 1: the name "Big E" was a marketing campaign in 1966 — the fair was just "the exposition" before then), Cecchi's slim pictorial history contains several.

Who knew, for example, that the Eastern States Coliseum was built by the same company that built the Chrysler Building in New York, and was larger than the then-current (since replaced) Madison Square Garden? Or that, in addition to stock car races, crowds in the exposition's early years also thrilled to air shows, stunt drivers and a sport called "auto polo"?

Cecchi, a member of the Agawam Historical Association, may himself deserve inclusion as the biggest fan of the fair. He's attended every year since he was an infant, as a spectator and — being a member of the family that owns E. Cecchi Farms in Feeding Hills — as an agricultural exhibitor. He notes that he was even a member of the Agawam School Committee during the year that the fair held its first-ever Agawam Day, in 1989.

His personal collection of historical artifacts includes his own memorabilia saved from the past half-century as well as several items from before he was born. Some of the images in the book come from that collection, including postcards and program books dating back to the start of the fair in 1916, and photos that he and his relatives have taken in more recent years. The bulk of the book, however, consists of materials from the Eastern States Exposition's own archives.



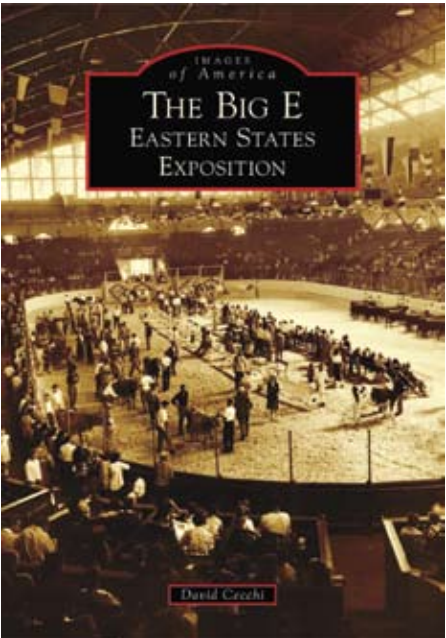
An image from Cecchi's book shows the exposition grounds, the old Westfield River bridge and Main Street in Agawam in 1924. SUBMITTED IMAGE

Agawam readers may also be interested in photographs of several people who were born or lived in town: Bill Fearn with his "Baby Beef" blue ribbon-winning steer (page 93), Eddie Neilson delivering hot dogs (page 95), John Janik on a tractor pulling a tram (page 101) and Darcy Davis (page 120) and Thomas Cascio (page 122) receiving awards.

A few of the other highlights:

- Renderings showing planned exhibition halls that never were built, and nothing but farms on the Agawam side of the river (pages 9, 18).

- The Massachusetts Statehouse replica standing alone; some states took longer than others to commit to the Avenue of States project, with Rhode Island's building opening last in 1957. (pages 19, 21 and 98).
- Mohawk Village, a Boy Scout encampment and reproduction of a Native American village held in the 1920s (pages 24-25).
- Horses and automobiles on the former Big E racetrack, now the carnival midway and outdoor music arena (pages 34, 48, 66, 110).
- A 1924 aerial view including the old wooden Westfield River bridge leading to



Agawam resident David Cecchi recently released "The Big E: Eastern States Exposition," a pictorial history of the fair. SUBMITTED IMAGE

a newly completed Agawam High School (now Roberta Doering School) and Exposition View neighborhood (now Reed Street) in Agawam (page 37).

- The interior of the Eastern States Coliseum lit by natural sunlight, before the windows were covered (pages 82-84).
- President Dwight Eisenhower (page 91) and entertainers Bob Hope (page 96), Liberace (page 112) and LaToya Jackson (page 120) on their visits to the exposition.

The book can be purchased for \$21.99 at E. Cecchi Farms, 1131 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, and online at arcadiapublishing.com. Cecchi said he will also have a book sales and signing event at the Big E itself, with dates and times to be announced.

This is Cecchi's fourth book in Arcadia Publishing's "Images of America" series, after "Agawam and Feeding Hills," "Agawam and Feeding Hills Revisited," and "Riverside Park."

## Open house in Oct. at Mawaga Sporting Club

The Mawaga Sporting Club is holding an Open House and Membership Drive from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2. Mawaga is a social club for those interested in outdoor activities such as hunting and fishing. It is at 377 Adams St., Agawam, on 88 acres with

a three-acre trout pond.

The day's activities will include a presentation on other activities available to members, along with free hot dogs and soft drinks for the public. Membership forms will also be available.

## Final reunion luncheon for Class of '46

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The Agawam High School Class of 1946 will hold its final "46-70" reunion luncheon Thursday, Oct. 6, at the Monte Carlo Restaurant, 1020 Memorial Ave., West Springfield.

The day's events will begin with a social hour at 11:30 a.m., followed by a

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## Cafes, roundtables for parents this fall

The Agawam Family and Community Program will host "Mom 2 Mom" and its popular Parent Cafés over the next few months. These programs are designed for parents and caregivers of children.

Mom 2 Mom: The second Tuesday of the month, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. A round-table discussion hosted by a local "veteran" mom, this is a chance to continue conversation on recent café themes and parent education events, celebrate parenting and receive encouragement for the trials. Free childcare is available.

**Parent Café 1:** Sept. 27, 9:30-11 a.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. Peggy Hoime, from Co-operative Kids, a family coach, certified parenting educator and Abundance Intelligence leaders, will identify practical ways parents can teach their children self-control, how to organize themselves, increase their ability to hear and retain information, and recognize the difference between a tantrum and a meltdown.

**Parent Café 2:** "Simplify," Oct. 25, 9:30-11 a.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. Valerie Smart, publisher of The413Mom blog, will lead a

discussion on simplifying. Would you like to have more time to spend with family? Does your house need some white space? Could your checkbook use some breathing room? Smart will share tips on how to make the most of your time, money and energy. Participants will talk about spending less, de-cluttering and learning to say no.

**Parent Café 3:** "Parent Holiday Survival Tips," Nov. 29, 9:30-11 a.m. The program offers participants ways to enjoy the holidays and not just survive them, and how to make a holiday tradition, not the least favorite holiday obligation.

The morning cafes are held at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St.; park behind the building and use the rear entrance. Free childcare is available in the morning. The evening cafés are held at the Senior Center dining room, 954 Main St., Agawam. Park behind the building and use the rear entrance.

Registration is not required. Free coffee, tea and refreshments will be provided.

## Cultural Council offers 'plan your own' NYC trip

The Agawam Cultural Council is sponsoring a "Plan Your Own Day" bus trip to New York City on Saturday, Nov. 12. Activities such as museum and gallery exhibits, theater and music performances, street festivals and shopping are available to those going on the trip. A member of the council, acting as "leader" on each bus, will be available to help with information and suggestions along the way. The buses are scheduled to make five stops in Manhattan — the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Rockefeller Center and Radio City, Times Square and TKTS, 34th Street (Macy's), and the South Street Seaport. Riders may elect to get off at any of these scheduled stops.

Buses will depart from the rear parking lot of the Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main St., Agawam, at 7 a.m.; the return trip leaves New York at 6:30 p.m., arriving in Agawam between 9:30 and 10 p.m.

Tickets are available now. The price is \$40 per person. This is a very popular trip and seating is limited to 108, on a first-

come basis. Tickets are assigned only as payments arrive, and cannot be reserved by phone. Ticket availability is updated as requests are processed at [www.agawamccc.org](http://www.agawamccc.org).

For questions not answered on the website, call 413-789-1201. This number is for information only, not available for ticket reservations.

To secure seats, make checks payable to the Agawam Cultural Council and send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Agawam Cultural Council, 153 Anthony St., Agawam, MA 01001.

The Agawam Cultural Council is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency that provides some of its funding. The Agawam Cultural Council is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.